# Syllabus-East Asian History

East Asian History and Civilization (Ewha Womans University)

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# Syllabus (Fall, 2024)

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| Course Title | **East Asian History** | Course No. | **36784-01** |
| Department/ Major | International Studies | Credit/Hours | 3 |
| Class Time/ Classroom | **M 2:00-3:15pm/ W12:30-1:45pm** | | |
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## 1. Course Description

This is an introductory course of the history of East Asian countries, China, Japan, and Korea, from 1600 to the present. This course will examine the transition from the traditional world order of East Asian countries to the rise of the modern nation-states, major wars in East Asia, the rise of the Cold War, and the reordering of society in the post-war East Asia. Because these countries are closely intertwined both politically and culturally, they share strikingly similar historical experiences in the modern period. Yet they have also developed into remarkably different political and social systems in the contemporary world. This class will take a comparative and contrastive view of these countries; this will be especially illuminating, because in the late 20$^{th}$century, they emerged as major players in world politics and displayed remarkable economic growth. While providing basic historical narratives ,this class will also explore historical themes important to East Asia , such as modernization, revolution, imperialism, nationalism, and democratization.

## 2. Class Requirements

Class Requirements:

1. Class participation (20 %)

Students are expected to have read the required materials before weekly discussion meetings and to participate in class discussions.

2. Weekly Response Papers on Readings (1 page) (10%)

Issues for discussion will be suggested before class and students are required to write a short response paper (1 page) each week.

3. Mid-term exam: Oct. 28 (20%)
4. Final Paper (4-5 pages): Due 9 pm, Nov. 27 (30 %)
5. Final Exam: December 18 (20%)



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### 3. Course Format

| Lecture | Discussion/Presentation | Experiment/Practicum | Research | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 70% | 20% | % | 10% | % |

(Instructor can change to match the actual format of the class.)

Explanation of course format : The course will be conducted in live online format.

### 4. Evaluation System

| Midterm Exam | Final Exam | Quizzes | Participation /Presentation | Projects | Final Paper | Weekly Response Paper | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20% | 20% | % | 20% | % | 30% | 10% | % |

(Instructor can change to match the actual format of the class.)

* Evaluation of group projects may include peer evaluations.

Explanation of evaluation system

## Ⅱ. Course Materials and Additional Readings

### 1. Required Materials

Course pack is available at Canon Copy Shop in ECC (B4). Other readings will be posted at Cyber Campus (Lecture Board-Resources).

## III. Course Schedule (15 credit hours must be completed.)

| Week | Date | Topics & Class Materials, Assignments |
|---|---|---|
| Week 1 | (Sep.2) | **Week 1 Introduction to East Asia** |
| | (Sep.4) | -*Understanding Contemporary Asia Pacific, ch. 1, 2, 3.* |
| Week 2 | (Sep.9) | **Week 2 The East Asian World Order (Qing /Tokugawa/ Choson)** |
| | (Sep. 11) | - Ebrey, East Asia, pp. 240-294.<br>- Spence, The Search for Modern China: A documentary Collection, pp. 71-85. |

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| Week | Date | Topics & Class Materials, Assignments |
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| Week 3 | (Sep. 23)<br>(Sep. 25) | **Week 3 East Asia in the World (Trade/Jesuit)**<br>- The Sextant of Beijing, ch. 2 & 3, pp. 55-128.<br>- Spence, The Search for Modern China: A documentary Collection, pp. 98-109. |
| Week 4 | (Sep.30)<br>(Oct. 2) | **Week 4 Empires and Imperialism (Opium War/ Opening of Japan and Korea)**<br>- The Sextant of Beijing, Ch. 4 & 5: pp. 129-205.<br>- De Bary, Sources of Chinese Tradition pp. 202-212. |
| Week 5 | (Oct.7)<br>(Oct.14) | **Week 5 Reform and Revolution (Self-strengthening/ 1911 Revolution Meiji Revolution)**<br>- History of Modern Japan, pp. 61-76.<br>- De Bary, Sources of Japanese Tradition, pp. 669-674 |
| Week 6 | (Oct. 16)<br>(Oct.21) | **Week 6 Nation-States and Nationalism (Republic/ May Fourth /The Nationalist vs. Communist)**<br>- Harrison, pp. 150-206.<br>- De Bary, Sources of Chinese Tradition, pp. 353-361. |
| Mid-Term exam/ Review | (Oct. 16) 5 pm | Review Session (Makeup) |
| | (Oct. 28) | Mid-term Exam |
| Week 7 | (Oct. 30)<br>(Nov. 4) | **Week 7 Japanese Empire and Imperialism (Japan in the 1930s/ Manchuria/ Taiwan and Korea)**<br>- A Modern history of Japan, ch. 10 & 11, pp. 161-203.<br>- Japan at War, pp. 56-60. |
| Week 8 | (Nov. 6)<br>(Nov. 11) | **Week 8 Colonialism in East Asia (Korea Under Colonial Rule)**<br>- Korea Old and New: A History, pp. 254-326.<br>- Sources of Korean Tradition, pp. 334-340.<br>- Lost Names, pp. 3-57. |
| Week 9 | (Nov. 13)<br>(Nov. 18) | **Week 9 East Asia at War**<br>- Fairbank, China: A New History, pp. 312-330.<br>- Gordon, pp. 203-225.<br>- Japan at War, pp. 50-51, pp. 95-99. |
| Week 10 | (Nov. 20)<br>(Nov.25) | **Week 10 East Asia in the Post-War Era I (US Occupation of Japan)**<br>- Gordon, A History of Modern Japan, pp. 226-244<br>- Embracing Defeat, pp. 33-64, 346-373 |
| Week 11 | (Nov. 27)<br>(Dec.2) | **Week 11 East Asia in the Post-War Era II (Civil War/ Mao's China)**<br>- Fairbank, China: A New History, pp. 331-382.<br>- Chen Village, pp. 1-102. |
| Week 12 | (Dec. 4)<br>(Dec. 9) | **Week 12 Economic development and Democracy in East Asia (Japan and Korea)**<br>- Gordon, pp. 245-291.<br>- Korea Old and New: A History, pp. 347-387. |



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| Week | Date | Topics & Class Materials, Assignments |
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| Week 13 | (Dec.11)<br>(Dec. 16) | **Week 13 Search for Political Change in East Asia**<br>- Fairbank, *China: A New History*, pp. 406-451.<br>- The China Reader, pp.165-174, pp. 78-102. |
| Review Session /Final Exam | Dec 11, 5pm | **Review Session (makeup)** |
| | Dec. 18 | **Final Exam** |
| Makeup Class | Oct. 16,<br>Dec. 11 | **Oct. 16, Dec. 11 (5:00 pm-6:15 pm)** |

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